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As the below named inventor, I hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that:

- 1. My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
- 2. I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

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as disclosed in the above-identified application and as claimed in the Amendment and Response filed concurrently herewith.

- 3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended in the Amendment and Response filed concurrently herewith and hereby affirm that I invented the claimed subject matter as of the earliest filing date when such subject matter was disclosed in this or in an earlier-filed application from which Applicant claims priority.
- 4. I have reviewed the text of Title 35, United States Code §102 (a) through 102(f), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A to this Declaration, and believe that no event has occurred that prevents me from claiming and obtaining a United States patent for the invention recited in the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.
- I have read Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B to this Declaration, and hereby acknowledge my duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information that is known to me to be material to patentability of this patent application. I understand that information is material to patentability when: (a) the information is not cumulative to information already of record and establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim, or (b) the information refutes or is inconsistent with a position taken by me or my patent attorney in opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Patent Office, or in asserting an argument of patentability. I also understand that my duty of disclosure to the Patent Office exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is canceled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned.
- 6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein based upon my personal knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further understand that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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